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For:

FRUSTO-CONICAL INTERBODY SPINAL
FUSION IMPLANTS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated June 23, 1997, an unnumbered paper. Applicant requests a three-month extension of time until December 23, 1997 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to take the action required in this Application. The fee to cover the extension of time is enclosed.

Please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (twice amended) An interbody spinal fusion implant for insertion across a disc space between adjacent vertebrae of a human spine, the implant comprising a body having an insertion end, a trailing